

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~5~~ ¹, ~~wherein the arm has a first longitudinal axis and~~ wherein the arm is radially rotatable in a plane of motion about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~5~~ ¹, ~~wherein the arm has a first longitudinal axis and~~ wherein the arm is radially rotatable about the clamp in a plane containing the first longitudinal axis.

4. (Canceled)

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~~5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4,~~

An apparatus for supporting medical fluids for delivery to a patient during surgery, the apparatus comprising:

a clamp for removably securing the apparatus to an object to allow the object to support the apparatus, the object being immovable relative to the patient to whom the fluids are to be delivered;

an arm extending from the clamp;

a support connected to the arm remote from the clamp, the support being adapted to retain a receptacle containing medical fluids;

the arm being movable with respect to the clamp, thereby allowing the positioning of the support within at least three directional planes of motion with respect to the clamp; and

wherein the arm has a first longitudinal axis, and wherein the arm is axially movable along the first longitudinal axis and horizontally with respect to the clamp; and

wherein the support is mounted on a rod, the rod being mounted to an end of the arm remote from the clamp, and wherein the rod is moveable with respect to the end of the arm, and wherein the rod extends telescopically within the arm.

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6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~15~~¹, wherein the arm comprises a first portion extending from the clamp and a second portion extending from the first portion, wherein the first portion of the arm has a first longitudinal axis and the second portion of the arm has a second longitudinal axis and wherein the first longitudinal axis is substantially perpendicular to the second longitudinal axis.

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7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~6~~⁴, wherein the first portion of the arm is rotatable about the clamp within a plane containing the first longitudinal axis of the first portion.

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8. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~7~~⁵, wherein the second portion of the arm is rotatable about the first portion of the arm.

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9. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~7~~⁵, wherein the first portion of the arm is rotatable about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

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10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~15~~¹, wherein the object is an item of surgical furniture selected from a surgical table and surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.

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11. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~10~~⁸, wherein the object is a surgical table, the clamp being adapted to releasably secure to a rail extending along an edge of the surgical table.

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12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~15~~¹, wherein the support is adapted to retain the receptacle containing medical fluids for delivery to the patient intravenously.

13. (Canceled)

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14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~13~~¹¹, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

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15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~13~~¹¹, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable about the clamp in a plane containing the first longitudinal axis of the first arm portion.

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16. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~15~~¹³, wherein the second arm portion is rotatable about the first arm portion.

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17. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus as claimed in claim 13;~~
An apparatus for supporting receptacles for containing medical fluids for intravenous delivery to a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a clamp for releasably securing the apparatus to an item of furniture;

a first arm portion extending from the clamp, wherein the first arm portion has a first longitudinal axis;

a second arm portion extending from the first arm portion, wherein the second arm portion has a second longitudinal axis perpendicular to the first longitudinal axis; and

a receptacle support mounted on the second arm portion;

wherein the first arm portion and second arm portion are movable with respect to the clamp such that the receptacle support may be moved within a plane containing the first longitudinal axis and the second longitudinal axis;

wherein the receptacle support is mounted on a support rod, the support rod being axially mounted to the second arm portion and movable with respect to the end of the second arm portion.

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18. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~17~~¹¹, wherein the support rod extends telescopically within the second arm portion.



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19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13~~17~~¹¹, wherein the item of surgical furniture is selected from a surgical table ~~or~~ and surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.

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20. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 19¹⁸, wherein the item of surgical furniture is a surgical table, the clamp being adapted to releasably secure to a rail extending along an edge of the surgical table.

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21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13~~17~~¹⁴, wherein the receptacle support comprises of a hook assembly attached to an end of a support rod, wherein the hook assembly comprises a hook from which receptacles containing medical fluids may be supported and wherein the support rod is axially mounted to the second arm portion and movable with respect to the end of the second arm portion.